

SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGE SELECTIONS

Introduction

Acting Deputy Director for Acquisition Career Management COL Mary Fuller is pleased to announce the selection of civilian members of the Army Acquisition Corps (AAC) as Senior Service College (SSC) Fellows for class 2003 at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) located at Fort McNair, Washington, DC. The ICAF course is held annually from August to June. ICAF class 2003 begins Aug. 12, 2002, with graduation scheduled for June 13, 2003.

Background

As part of the consortium of Senior Service Colleges that fall under the SSC Fellowship Program, the ICAF offers a unique opportunity for civilian members of the AAC to gain advanced education, leadership training, and experience specifically designed for senior acquisition leadership positions.

The Senior Acquisition Course at ICAF is the pre-eminent acquisition course for DOD acquisition professionals. It encompasses the entire 10-month ICAF curriculum, which is enhanced for designated acquisition students through four major elements: the core curriculum, mandatory acquisition advanced studies, advanced studies electives, and research. Separate attention is given to acquisition course work while retaining the benefits of mingling with students from operational and other functional communities. SSC Fellows at ICAF earn 15 continuous learning points (CLPs) per semester hour and 30 additional CLPs in the year they graduate. In addition, they receive an M.S. in national resource strategy upon graduation.

The AAC is annually allocated seven of the Army's nine ICAF seats. This year, the AAC also received an at-large seat, raising the number of

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AAC selections to eight. A Department of the Army (DA) selection board, comprised of senior Army acquisition leaders, makes all AAC selections to attend ICAF. Once the DA board recommendations are approved by the Office of the Secretary of the Army, selected individuals are notified and their names are submitted to the National Defense University (NDU) as Army nominations. NDU is the final decision authority in the selection/admissions process. Completion of ICAF is a highly desirable experience for civilians who aspire to Senior Executive Service (SES) positions.

Selectees

Listed alphabetically, the AAC members selected as new SSC Fellows are as follows:

James R. Bozzard is a Senior Acquisition Procurement Analyst assigned to Headquarters, Army Materiel Command, Alexandria, VA. He has more than 20 years experience in a variety of acquisition assignments. Bozzard is a 1989 graduate of the Program Management Course at the Defense Systems Management College (DSMC), Fort Belvoir, VA. In 1993, he served as a Legislative Fellow with Congress. He holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and master's degrees in both business management and systems management. He is also Level III certified in contracting.

Robert F. Golden is Project Manager, Defense Communications and Army Transmission Systems, Fort Monmouth, NJ, assigned to the Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO, EIS).

Prior to his present duties, he was Product Manager, Tactical Endurance Synthetic Aperture Radar, Fort Monmouth, NJ. Golden is a 1992 graduate of DSMC's Program Management Course and a 1999 graduate of DSMC's Executive Program Managers Course. He has a bachelor's degree in electronic, electrical communications. Golden is Level III certified in program management; systems planning, research, development and engineering; and quality assurance, manufacturing and production.

Dr. Myra S. Gray is Product Manager, Counterintelligence/Human Intelligence Management Systems, Fort Belvoir, VA, assigned to the Program Executive Office for Command, Control and Communications Systems (PEO, C3S). Gray has more than 20 years experience in a variety of key acquisition assignments. She has a bachelor's degree in mathematics, a master's degree in business, a Ph.D. in engineering, and is a 1998 graduate of DSMC's Advanced Program Management Course. She is Level III certified in test and evaluation engineering; program management; information technology; and systems planning, research, development and engineering.

Robert W. Morris is Project Manager, Tank and Medium Caliber Armament Systems, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ, assigned to the Program Executive Office for Ground Combat and Support Systems (PEO, GCSS). He has held a variety of acquisition assignments in a career spanning more than 20 years. In his previous assignment, Morris was assigned to the Office of the Secretary of the Army as a Program Executive Staff Officer. A 1993 graduate of DSMC's Program Management Course, he holds a master's degree in systems management, a master's degree in

business management, and a master's degree in contracting and acquisition management. He is Level III certified in program management.

Daniel Pierson is Director for Systems Integration in the Office of the PM, Objective Force, assigned to PEO, GCSS. He has more than 20 years experience in a variety of key acquisition assignments. In his previous position, Pierson served as Lead Systems Engineer for Combat Training Centers at the U.S. Army Simulation, Training and Instrumentation Command. A 1998 graduate of DSMC's Advanced Program Management Course, he has a bachelor's degree in business and a master's degree in management of technology. He is a member of the year group 2000 Competitive Development Group and is Level III certified in program management and in systems planning, research, development and engineering.

Clifton O. Reynolds is a Senior Computer Specialist in the Office of the Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers, Office of the Secretary of the Army. He has more than 20 years acquisition experience in a variety of information technology assignments. Reynolds holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics. In addition, he is a graduate of DSMC's Advanced Program Management Course and the Advanced Information Systems Acquisition Management Course, a member of the year group 1998 Competitive Development Group, and is Level III certified in information technology and program management.

John T. Schatz is Director of Systems Integration on the Objective Force Task Force, Crystal City, VA. He has held a variety of key acquisition positions throughout his Army career. His previous assignment was as Principal Assistant to the PEO, Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, Fort Monmouth, NJ. Schatz is a graduate of DSMC's Advanced

Program Management Course, and the Modeling and Simulation Staff Officers Course at the Defense Modeling and Simulation Office. Schatz holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in business administration and management. He is Level III certified in test and evaluation engineering; systems planning, research, development and engineering; and program management.

Christopher G. Vuxton is a Senior Procurement Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. He has more than 15 years experience in contracting and procurement assignments. Vuxton is a 1996 graduate of the Executive Contracting Course and a 1997 graduate of DSMC's Advanced Program Management Course. He has a bachelor's degree in sociology, a master's degree in clinical and medical sociology, and a master's degree in business administration and management. Vuxton is Level III certified in contracting and program management.

Application Process

The SSC Fellowship Program is open to GS-14/15 civilian members of the AAC (or equivalent personnel demonstration broadband level) who currently occupy a critical acquisition position (CAP) and meet CAP requirements. In addition, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have or be able to attain a Top Secret clearance with a special background investigation that will not expire during the ICAF school year.
- Be identified by the organization as being eligible for executive level service.
- Develop a Post Utilization Plan as outlined in the application instructions in the *Army Civilian Training, Education and Development System Training Catalog*.

- Be Level III certified in primary acquisition career field (ACF). In addition, applicants should be Level III certified in an additional ACF.

- Possess an undergraduate degree.

Applicants should also possess a graduate degree in an ACF listed in DoD Directive 5000.52-M, *Career Development Program for Acquisition Personnel*. Additional consideration will also be given to graduates of DSMC's Advanced Program Management Course.

Application packets must be submitted in accordance with Army civilian personnel policy and the requirements listed in the *Acquisition Education, Training and Experience Catalog*. Please refer to both of the following Web sites for more information on applying to attend ICAF:

- Army Civilian Personnel:
<http://cpol.army.mil/train/catalog/ch02icaf.html>
- Army Acquisition Corps:
<http://dacm.rdaisa.army.mil/>

Dates for the 2003/04 SSC selection board have not yet been announced; however, it normally convenes in January each year. As such, the DA requires application packets to arrive during the month of November. Selection board results are usually released in the February/March timeframe.

For additional information on the SSC Fellowship Program, contact Vernessa Carter, HQDA, at (703) 325-2456 or Jim Welsh, Acquisition Support Center, at (703) 604-7116.

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